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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) In a magnetic resonance apparatus for study of a sample, said apparatus comprising an environment surrounding said sample wherein said environment is characterized by a first value of magnetic susceptibility, An an amorphous composition used in magnetic resonance apparatus, said composition comprising an amorphous matrix, a metal ion selected from the group consisting of  $Gd^{3+}$ ,  $Fe^{+3}$  and  $Mn^{+2}$ , and a ligand, said composition having a selected value of magnetic susceptibility at cryogenic temperatures substantially equal to said first value.
2. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said ligand binds said metal ion and effects solubility thereof in said amorphous matrix.
- 3 (original) The composition of claim 2, wherein said metal ion is  $Gd^{3+}$  and is in the form of  $Gd(Lg)_3$  or, in the alternative, in the form of  $Gd(ACAc)_3$ , wherein Ac is acetylacetonate, and Lg is 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-3, 5-heptanedionate.
4. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said amorphous matrix comprises epoxy resin.
- 5-6. (canceled)
7. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is characterized by a selected said value of induced magnetization equal to that of another selected material at said cryogenic temperatures for exposure of both said materials ~~by~~ to said applied magnetic field.
8. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said ~~selected~~ value of magnetic susceptibility is zero.
9. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said ~~selected~~ value of magnetic susceptibility is reached at a selected temperature below substantially 77°K.

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10. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said metal ion is  $Gd^{+3}$ .

11. (original) A method of preparing an amorphous composition to exhibit a desired susceptibility at cryogenic temperatures, comprising the steps of:

mixing a metal ion selected from the group consisting of  $Gd^{+3}$ ,  $Fe^{+3}$  and  $Mn^{+2}$ , with an amorphous matrix and a ligand so that the resulting composition has a nearly zero magnetic susceptibility at said cryogenic temperatures.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said ligand binds said metal ion and effects solubility thereof in said composition.

13. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said metal ion is Gd and is in the form selected from the group consisting of  $Gd(Lg)_3$  and  $Gd(AcAc)_3$ , wherein Ac is acetylacetonate, and Lg is 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-3, 5-heptanedionate.

14 (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said amorphous matrix is epoxy resin.

15. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said composition has a magnetization equal to the magnetization of another material in the presence of the same magnetic field.

16.-19 (canceled)